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SUBJECT: DAYAN'S COMMENTS ON EARLIER ISRAELI COMMITMENTS
RE SETTLEMENTS

1. DURING ATHERTON'S MEETING WITH DAYAN IN NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 9 (SEPTTEL), DAYAN SAID ONE THING HE FELT BADLY
ABOUT WAS THE IMPRESSION LEFT BY REPEATED U.S.
STATEMENTS THAT SOMEHOW ISRAEL WAS NOT LIVING UP TO ITS
PROMISES WITH RESPECT TO THE SETTLEMENTS IN THE SINAI
AND WEST BANK. DAYAN SAID THIS TOUCHED UPON HIS OWN
PERSONAL INTEGRITY. HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BEEN
REASSURED IN ONE RESPECT BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER CITIN
OUR RECORD OF DAYAN'S CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT
LAST SEPTEMBER, BECAUSE IT ACCORDED ALMOST PRECISELY
WITH ISRAEL'S MINUTE OF THAT MEETING IN SAYING THAT A
YEAR FROM THEN, THERE WOULD BE NO NEW "CIVILIAN"

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SETTLEMENTS. DAYAN SAID HE HADN'T PROMISED THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS CREATED IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORY BEYOND THE 6-8 HE MENTIONED. WHAT HE HAD
SAID WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEW CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS
CREATED OUTSIDE OF MILITARY CAMPS FOR A YEAR. ISRAEL
HAD CLEARLY LIVED UP TO THIS COMMITMENT. THERE WAS

ONLY ONE MINOR PROBLEM AT SHILOH. THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE THERE WHO WANTED TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR SETTLEMENT. HE PERSONALLY FELT SYMPATHETIC WITH THEM, BUT WHATEVER THEIR WISHES, THEY KNOW THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO DO THIS. WHAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED WAS AN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION. THE GOVERNMENT HAD FORCED THE SHILOH PEOPLE TO REMOVE THEIR CAMPSITE FROM PRIVATE LAND AND HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO THEM THAT IT WOULD NOT CONFISCATE LAND TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. DAYAN SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO GET INTO THIS SUBJECT WHEN HE SAW THE SECRETARY. BUT IF IT IS TO BE RAISED, THEN "LET'S DO IT PROPERLY" WITH VERY CAREFUL MINUTES BEING TAKEN. ATHERTON SAID HE WOULD CONSULT THE SECRETARY ABOUT HIS WISHES ON THIS SUBJECT. VANCE

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